

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Marion Nimis

September 2016

I hope everyone survived Hurricane Hermine with their lives, property, frozen food, and roses intact. My roses look better than I do. The heavy rain and winds didn't faze them at all. In fact they have lots of new leaves and healthy looking shoots.

I, however, look as if I was out in the storm, and in a sense I was. Eleven house guests arrived for the holiday weekend twenty-four hours after we lost power. Like many others, we had no power, no water, no milk, etc. But we had the important stuff like family, friends, beer and wine. I had to prepare a sit-down dinner for 16. It was not the best. But we had fun and we were luckier than some.

Fall now brings only three more TARS meetings for the year. Our October program features "Landscaping with Roses"

and our speaker if Vickie Cureton. She will be telling us how to make our gardens more visitor friendly. Her garden was sometime ago featured in an issue of Southern Living. She is currently helping Goodwood with the design of the replacement rose garden there. The October rose show is upon us. This public event needs all roses to the grindstone, hands to the pump, and all other clichés you can think of, meaning all members have to show up, volunteer, and work hard to make it a success. There's a great deal to be done. Volunteers need to show up, move props, awards, tables, etc. There are lighter tasks too, like filling vases with water, clerking, and so on. Then when everyone's exhausted, we need volunteers to break down, load, cleanup, etc. The nominating committee is preparing a new slate of officials to be elected at the No-

vember meeting (**Suggestions are welcome**). Please contact Pat Stanford, the nominating chair, at 850-519-3745 or wordhacker@centurylink.net. The bronze medal winner will also be presented at the November meeting.

See you at the next TARS meeting on Thursday, September 15, 7:00 pm at Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood.

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K & M Roses

See the enclosed information on the fall rose sale and contact Jim Mills 601-648-2908 or info@kandmroses.com to order or for more information.

September Meeting
Date: Thursday, September 15, 2016
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens.
Program: "Landscaping With Rose" will be presented by Vickie Cureton. She will be giving us tips on changes or additions that we can make to give our gardens more interest and beauty for us and for our garden visitors. Plan to be there!

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Thought You'd Like To Know — All My Loving

All My Loving is a hybrid tea and is a new introduction for 2017. It is a Weeks rose and was hybridized by Gareth Fryer. The color is light red to deep pink and the petal count is 30 to 40. The flower is high centered and fully double with a moderate tea fragrance with slight spices. It flow-

ers well and the plant has excellent vigor. The color stays true until the petals drop. The growth habit is upright to slightly spreading and the foliage is large leaves which are semi-glossy and medium green. This new introduction could be a good addition to your garden.



All My Loving
(Hybrid Tea)

Special Notes

- Volunteer at Goodwood Saturday mornings 9:00 am till noon.
- Volunteer at the Peace Garden the first Wednesday March through October beginning at 9:00 am. Contact Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, wjmm-sharpe@aol.com

Goodwood Roses

The Goodwood volunteers report that the roses survived the storm. If you would like to volunteer in this propagating program come to Goodwood on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am till noon. Cuttings are welcomed. For more information contact any of the regular volunteers:

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Peace Garden

The Peace Garden is located in the chain of parks in downtown Tallahassee in the east most park (Genevieve Randolph Park) at the east most end. Street parking is available. The volunteers are still using Bayer's All-In-One rose and flower care which is three systemic products in 1. It is fertilizer, insect and disease control and we are applying once a month. New folks are welcomed. We meet once a month on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am. The garden survived the storm!

Roses In Review (RIR)

Yes, it is time again when reports are due on rating roses. Information is included in the July/August issue of American Rose. The results of these evaluations help others in selecting roses for their gardens. The cut off date is September 26. You may use the online survey at www.rose.org or you may submit paper forms to DSD RIR Coordinator, Cindy Dale, 306 Wintney Way, Peachtree City, GA 30269-3248. Results will be in the January/February 2017 issue of American Rose and will determine ratings in ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses. We plan to have paper forms at the meeting. Please participate.

DSD Annual Convention and Rose Show "Driving Miss Rosey"

This event is October 7-9 and is hosted by Greater Atlanta, Greater Gwinnett and South Metro rose societies and will be held at the Westin Atlanta Airport. Contact information is on the form. There is a judges seminar beginning at 1:00 pm on Friday and a welcome buffet. You do not need to be a judge to attend this seminar. Saturday is the rose show (we hope you will exhibit), educational events, and awards banquet. Sunday morning features the gardens of Cindy and Dave Dale and Linda and Walt Reed. We hope you will plan to go for all of the activities. This is a great educational experience, an opportunity to get to know fellow rosarians and have some fun too.

"Everything you can imagine is real."

Pablo Picasso

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

August 18, 2016, Jubilee Cottage—Goodwood

The meeting was called to order by President Marion Nimis at 7:12 p.m. There were 10 members in attendance. There were no minutes from the May meeting which was a picnic. The Treasurer's report was presented by Mary Maud Sharpe and approved by those in attendance. There are currently 65 paid memberships.

Cheryl Gibbons has volunteered to supply a prize on behalf of TARS for the raffle at the Deep South District meeting in October.

There was discussion on the cost of putting on our annual Rose Show in October. Costs include prizes, food, stipends to cover travel expenses of the judges (6 judges @ \$50 each).

The TARS Board met on August 14. Discussion covered the Rose Show, recruiting new members, and the possibility of hosting the DSD Convention in October 2018. It had been anticipated that our society along with some others (Thomasville, Dothan) would host the 2018 Convention. However, in the meantime, due to other considerations, we have been asked to host in 2017 with Thomasville only, Wiregrass not joining in. Mary Maud accepted the new schedule on behalf of TARS.

The TARS Rose Show is scheduled this year for Saturday and Sunday, October 29 and 30, at the Agricultural Center on Conner Boulevard.

Members were reminded to complete the Roses in Review forms.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. It was followed by a program presented by Bill Dority on "Summer Care of Roses." The door prize was a Blossomtime rose bush. Refreshments followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Dooley, Secretary

TARS Annual Rose Show

The show dates are Saturday, October 29 and Sunday, October 30. The location will be the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, 3125 Conner Boulevard. Most of the committees have a chairman and have been working on plans. There are still openings and you are asked to volunteer to help. Contact Bob Schelhorn, 850-907-1325, b.schelhorn@yahoo.com or Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, wjmmsharpe@aol.com. We will be inviting out of town exhibitors; however, we need as many member of TARS as possible to bring roses from their gardens to exhibit to make the show a success. The schedule will be similar to our previous schedules and will include horticulture, arrangements and photography divisions. Schedules will be available soon. There are novice classes and we will have help from experienced exhibitors to give you tips. Show awards or monies to purchase awards are being solicited. The annual show is our major outreach to the public.

September Consulting Rosarian Report

By Hank Rosen

September is one of the busiest months of the year for the rose grower in the Tallahassee area. This is the time of year when you will be doing fall pruning, addition of organics to your garden, and maintaining your customary maintenance schedules.

Fall pruning is much like the spring pruning; however, you do not prune as much growth from the bush as you do in February. For the fall pruning, you will generally want to remove only about 1/3 of the top growth of the bush. Your goal is to shape the bush to make it more attractive as well as reduce its height. Any canes smaller than the size of a pencil on a large bush should be removed. You want to encourage new growth only on sizeable canes which will support the larger, more beautiful flush of blooms we expect in October and November. You also will want to remove any crossing canes, dead or diseased wood, and clear out the center of the bush for good air circulation.

The fall is also when you should be adding organics to your soil. My regime includes: Milorganite, cotton seed meal, alfalfa meal, and Alaska (liquid) fish fertilizer. I use about a cup of each meal and about 2 ounces of fish fertilizer per gallon and spread it out around the base of the plant to the drip line for a large bush. If your soil could use an extra treat, you can always add some mushroom compost to the soil. These organics are relatively low in nitrogen and take a while to improve your soil. These ingredients will become part of the soil in a couple of months and a soil test in November will give you guidelines for what, if anything needs doing for the spring.

Over the years, I have found out that consistency is the key to being a good rose grower. Keeping a "Rose Growing Calendar" and mark down "what to do when" is an excellent tool to keep you on schedule. As soon as I finish a task such as spraying or fertilizing, I write it on the calendar and this lets me know when I need to spray the next time.

Spraying every 10-14 days is critical if you grow hybrid teas and wish to keep them looking good throughout the growing season. I recommend you use both a contact fungicide (Manzate or Dithane M-45) as well as a systemic (Banner Maxx). These two fungicides are relatively inexpensive and are very reliable at controlling blackspot. You can also rotate the Banner Maxx with Kocide, Immunox, or as the temperature decreases. I recommend you only use pesticides when you see insects or their damage. My favorites are Orthene and Conserve, which is environmentally friendly and works great on thrips. I recommend Avid if you have an invasion of spider mites.

Your roses should have at least one inch of water per week. Use a rain gauge or you can check by pushing your index finger a couple of inches into the soil. If the soil is dry, go ahead and water.

With cooler temperatures coming (hopefully), you can now spend more time in the garden,

Landscaping with Roses

Roses are one of the most versatile plants that you can use in your landscape plantings for roses come in so many kinds of types. There are climbing roses, shrub roses both classic and modern, floribundas and polyanthas, miniature and miniflora, hybrid teas and grandifloras and old garden roses with numerous flower forms and growth habits. Their bloom season can be quite long and many do not require a great deal of care. They do well in most climates. They can be planted in beds, as a stand alone accent, on supports of many kinds and in mixed bed with other plants, as a ground cover or as a hedge.

Probably the most important factor to consider is roses do require sun. Select an area that gets preferably six to seven hours of morning sun. The area should also be well drained. Also consider the background especially if planting near a wall. Make sure that the rose bloom color will make a statement with the color of the wall.

Water is very important and you may need to consider an irrigation system to be sure that your roses are getting the water they need in times of less rain fall.

Do remember that some rose require more care than others. Plan the time you will be able to devote to their care. All roses do better with some care, but many do not require as much care as others. There are newer products available that will help you with your maintenance.

Supports, if the rose you select need, come in many and various types. Some can be quite expensive while others can be constructed and are relatively inexpensive. Supports give your roses special interest and can be formal or informal. Using an existing fence can work well for you. The choices are almost endless.

Smaller roses are great as container plants. You will need to water more frequently. Miniatures and minifloras as well as some small old garden roses do well in pots and can be moved if necessary.

Think hill sides and hedges, falling over rock walls, edging, etc. Roses are more versatile than many people think. Use your imagination.

Another plus for roses is that many of them are quite fragrant. This is one of their features that most people can enjoy.

Choose roses that will achieve the desired design effect. This is important if you are planting rose with other blooming perennials and plants. The size and color of the rose or roses selected should blend well and make for a pleasing combination. Larger plants should be placed behind smaller plants.

Roses do require good air circulation for less disease problems. Be careful in planting that roses are not too close to a wall or other thick shrubs. Use low growing companion plants close to such plantings to ensure sufficient air circulation.

Winter is the season to make plans for next year's garden. Make decisions soon if you plan changes to your landscaping. As gardeners know gardening is a work in progress and is frequently changing.

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

September Meeting—Thursday, September 15 at 7:00 pm. “Landscaping with Roses” Vickie Cureton

October Meeting— Thursday, October 20 at 7:00 pm. “Show Challenge Classes”, society members.

Annual Rose Show—October 29-30. Contact Robert Schelhorn, 850-907-1325, b.schelhorn@yahoo.com or Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, wjmmsharpe@aol.com.

November Meeting—Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 pm. Election of officials and Bronze Medal presentation.

December Christmas Party— Thursday, December 15 location TBA.

DSD Events

Fall Convention and Rose Show—October 7-9.

Hosted by Atlanta Rose Societies. Contact Chris Woods, 770-309-0645, cewoods1268@yahoo.com

ARS Events and News

Four month trial memberships are still being offered by ARS. You get free access to the monthly bulletins and two issues of the American Rose magazine plus much more. There is much interesting information in the ARS magazine such as news from ARS, articles on varied rose topics, beautiful photos, national, district and local events and much more.

Visit the ARS website www.rose.org there is valuable information for local society members. As a member you have access to the members only information in addition to information for all who visit the site.

Publications such as Horticulture, Arrangement and Consulting Rosarian Manuals are available for reference and download. The Rose Registration Listing is also available.

ARS e-mails members the publication of ARS & You.

Information: www.tallahasseearearosesociety.org

The Tallahassee Area Rose Society meetings are at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of the month except June and July at the Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens.

Membership: Annual dues are \$10 individual, \$15 joint. Contact the treasurer, Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, wjmmsharpe@aol.com

The Deep South District of the ARS issues a quarterly copy of the Bulletin. It is available though e-mail to all ARS members. A black and white copy is also available to members who do not have an e-mail address.

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